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Order Establishing
Conference of
Chief Judges

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 2.724, subd. 4, provides:

The chief justice shall exercise general supervisory powers over the courts in the state. His powers shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Supervision of the courts' financial affairs, programs of continuing education for judicial and nonjudicial personnel and planning and operations research;

(b) Serving as chief representative of the court system and as liaison with other governmental agencies for the public; and

(c) Supervision of the administrative operations of the courts.

The Chief justice may designate other justices or judges to assist him in the performance of his duties.

and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 484.69, subd. 4, provides:

The chief judges shall meet at least semi-annually to consider problems relating to judicial business and administration. After consultation with the judges of their respective districts the chief judges shall prepare in conference and submit to the chief justice of the supreme court a suggested agenda for the judicial conference held pursuant to section 480.18.

and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 480.18, in relevant part, provides:

At least once each year the chief justice shall call a conference of the judges of the courts of record of this state for the consideration of matters relating to judicial business, the improvement of the judicial system, and the administration of justice.

and

WHEREAS, the Conference of Chief Judges and Assistant Chief Judges of the several judicial districts of the state have been meeting in conference since 1977 to assist the chief justice in supervising the trial courts of the State of

Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency and productivity of the trial courts of the State of Minnesota and the quality of justice provided by the trial courts of the State of Minnesota will be best protected and insured by participation of the trial courts of the State of Minnesota through the Conference of Chief Judges and Assistant Chief Judges in the formulation and establishment of policies for the operation of the trial courts; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice is desirous that the Conference of Chief Judges become a more effective statewide policy-making body to assist the Chief Justice and the Conference of Chief Judges has expressed a willingness to undertake the associated responsibility and to be held accountable for the effectiveness of its actions,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Conference of Chief Judges, consisting of the chief judge and assistant chief judge of each judicial district, is hereby established, designated and appointed to meet regularly to study the operations of the trial courts and make recommendations, formulate policies, propose legislation and take such other actions it deems appropriate to improve the administration of justice in the trial courts of this state.

2. The Conference of Chief Judges shall consider all matters pertaining generally to the efficient, effective and economical operation of the trial courts, and shall develop statewide administrative policies in areas requiring, or substantially benefiting by, greater uniformity in practice and procedure.

3. The Conference of Chief Judges shall forward to the Chief Justice for review and action recommended policies requiring for their effective

implementation supreme court rule or decision.

4. The Conference of Chief Judges shall serve as a screening body for proposed legislation impacting trial court operations and shall communicate its positions to the Legislature.

5. The Conference of Chief Judges shall assist the State Court Administrator in developing the biennial state-funded trial court budget and in formulating policies for the cost effective delivery of judicial services.

6. The Conference of Chief Judges shall study the condition of the trial court dockets in each district, with the purpose of assuring the timely disposition of the trial courts' caseload and the appropriate allocation of judicial resources, and shall report its findings annually to the Supreme Court.

7. The Conference of Chief Judges shall develop and periodically revise a long range plan for the trial courts of Minnesota to serve as an overall guide for the activities of the conference and of the trial courts.

8. The Conference of Chief Judges shall serve as a forum for the regular exchange of information among the districts concerning current practices, procedures, problems and projects to permit the advancements of one district to be known by and shared with other districts.

9. Recommendations from the trial judges of the State of Minnesota regarding proposals to change policies, rules, statutes and procedures that may affect the trial courts shall be referred to the Conference of Chief Judges for study and action.

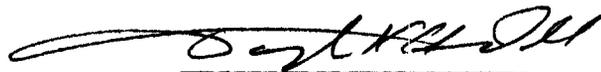
10. The Conference of Chief Judges shall submit annually to the Chief Justice a suggested agenda for the annual judicial conference held pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 480.18.

11. The Conference of Chief Judges shall place the welfare of the entire statewide trial court system above the interests of the individual judicial districts in all of its deliberations and decisions.

12. Chief Judges and Assistant Chief Judges are expected to devote the time, attention and resources necessary to discharge these responsibilities for the statewide administration of the trial court system.

Dated: *MAY 23, 1986*

BY THE COURT



Douglas K. Amdahl
Chief Justice